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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2005 and 10 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19,20,30,31 and 33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19,20,30,31 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

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#### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 19, 20, 30, 31, and 33 are pending and being acted upon.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 19, 20, 30, 31, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,678,149 (1972, of record).

The '149 patent teaches a method providing an adjuvant effect to a vaccine comprising at least one antigen or at least one *in vivo* generator of a compound comprising an amino acid sequence comprising combining said antigen or *in vivo* generator with a surfactant or with a mixture of surfactants, said surfactant or mixture of surfactants having an overall HLB number of between 5 and 15, wherein said vaccine is suitable for application mucosally, orally, nasally, rectally or vaginally. (see column 2, EXAMPLE 1). Note that the chosen species, mannitan oleate, is also disclosed in the Chemical Abstracts Registry file as mannide oleate. The reference further teaches that the composition may be polyethoxylated (column 4, line 25), modified with ethylene oxide (column 4, line 48), or ethoxylated (column 4, line 53).

The reference clearly anticipates the claimed invention.

4. No claim is allowed.

5. Regarding the IDS filed 6/10/05, Foreign Patent Documents B and C, FR2754715 and FR2754182, respectively, have again been lined through and again have not been considered. Applicant argues that as U.S. Patent 6,117,432 claims priority to the French application published as FR2754715, the '432 patent is an equivalent of FR2754715. This is not necessarily true - priority documents need not be identical to issued patents. Likewise, Applicant argues that as U.S. Patent Application 08/946,114 claims priority to the French application published

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as FR2754182, the '114 application is an equivalent of FR2754182. Again, this is not necessarily true. Additionally, no copy of the '114 application has been received.

Regarding the submission of "equivalents" to foreign patent documents, it is unclear precisely what an "equivalent" is. For consideration, Applicant should include a statement from a qualified translator that the equivalent document is identical, i.e., an actual certified translation, of the foreign language document.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Gerald Ewoldt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0843. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

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